

5 August 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Legislative Task Force

1. The Legislative Task Force met on 31 July 1953.

2. The Chairman indicated that [REDACTED] had been relieved from his assignment to the Task Force and that he, the Chairman, temporarily would assume the assignments which had been given to [REDACTED] in connection with the Task Force.

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4. The members of the Task Force gave consideration to the general approach to requesting the special legislation needed by CIA. It was agreed that the legislative requirements should include recognition of the special nature of service with CIA. It would recognize the special limitations, restrictions and obligations which make the CIA career employee different from the career employees of other Government agencies. It would clearly establish that CIA career employees have imposed on them special obligations, both positive and negative. These limitations and obligations will be spelled out specifically and also in terms of their total scope and its impact on the individual. Having established these circumstances, it would then be desirable to set forth the special benefits, rewards and emoluments which in part compensate for the restrictive and demanding nature of such service.

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5. The members of the Task Force discussed what legislation was required to permit CIA to offer relief for personal hardship cases. It was agreed that for cases in which an employee experiences personal hardship as a result of factors not connected with the Agency, special legislation would not be appropriate. It was also agreed that if an employee is suffering a personal hardship as a result of conditions which could occur in other Governmental agencies (not conditions peculiar to CIA), we do not need to request special legislation. The members of the Task Force discussed but reached no agreement concerning personal hardship cases resulting from circumstances peculiar to service with CIA. Existing authority permits the Agency to take care of such cases if it wishes. There will be further exploration or discussion of whether or not existing authority within CIA is fully utilized to take care of such cases.

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6. The Task Force discussed the adequacy of the present Missing Persons Act. It was agreed that in general [REDACTED] recommendations would be accepted, with minor revisions to be accomplished by [REDACTED] prior to the next meeting. It was generally agreed that the Agency should support the present act, but also should try to get the same type of permanent special legislation as insurance in the event that the present act expire and not be renewed.

7. The members of the Task Force reviewed [REDACTED] recommendations with respect to "appropriate and adequate leave system". It was generally agreed that leave systems are adequate, provided CIA is also authorized to superimpose the home leave provisions of the Foreign Service on the present leave system. The present requirement that, prior to authorized home leave, an employee must have sufficient leave to carry him in a pay status for thirty days, should be eliminated.

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8. The Task Force discussed [REDACTED] information with respect to death gratuity. It was agreed that action or decision on this matter would be deferred until a later date.

9. The next meeting of the Legislative Task Force will take place at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, 5 August 1953.

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